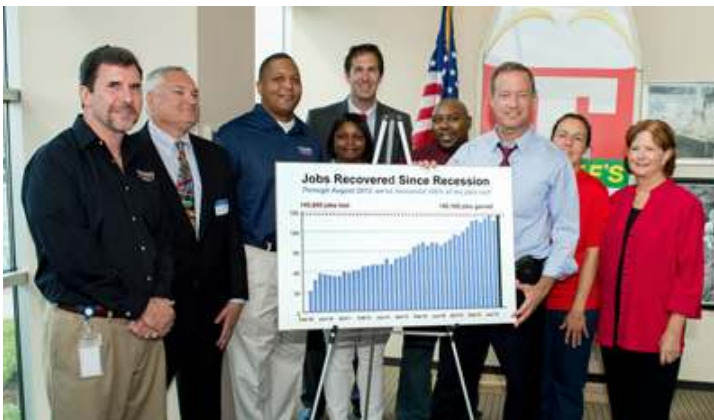


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# ONE MARYLAND

## Recovering Jobs, Closing the Digital Divide, and Championing Innovation

October 2013



### A Message from the Governor

In August, led by our dynamic private sector, Maryland reached a milestone in our economic recovery: Together, we recovered 100 percent of the jobs lost in the national recession.

Maryland is leading the region in job creation. Over the past 12 months, Maryland businesses have created nearly nine out of every 10 [new jobs in our state](#). Today, there are 43,300 more Marylanders working than this time last year, and we're creating jobs almost twice as fast as our neighbors in Virginia.

But while recovering 100 percent of the jobs lost in the recession is an important milestone in our recovery, we do not think of it as a mission accomplished. We are now focused on moving beyond 100 percent, to continue to expand opportunity and grow our increasingly-diverse middle class. This is why we have invested record funding the education of our children, and why we have worked hard to keep college affordable.

This is why we are funding job training programs that provide Marylanders with the skills they need to succeed in the 21st century workforce. This is why we will continue our efforts to create jobs in Maryland, and to prepare our increasingly-diverse middle class to fill them.

Thank you,  
Governor O'Malley

### What's happening?



#### Closing the Digital Divide

Earlier this week, Governor O'Malley, Senator Barbara Mikulski, and Howard County Executive Ken Ulman visited Kent Island High School to celebrate the completion of the [One Maryland Broadband Network](#).

Students at Kent Island High School are now able to watch videos online, take part in interactive web-based programs, and use online resources in the classroom and



#### AROUND MARYLAND

##### [St. Mary's Oyster Festival](#)

October 19th and 20th in Leonardtown

Be a part of the National Oyster Shucking contest. Live entertainment, crafts, exhibits, and more will keep you entertained for hours.

##### [Artoberfest at Gibson's Grant](#)

October 19th in Chester

Presented by the Kent Island Federation of the Arts, this event will take place on the lawn of the historic Manor House. Local artwork will be displayed. Take part in this annual tradition.

##### [Elkton's 19th Century Base Ball](#)

Through October 20th in Elkton

Come out and see how base ball was played in the 1860s. Two vintage baseball teams will play almost every weekend.

##### [Greenstreet Gardens Fall Festival](#)

Through October 27 in Lothian

The Fall Festival is back! Each weekend will feature a theme from sports pride to pets. Come experience the tire tower, corn maze, and cow train.

##### [Patuxent Wildlife Festival](#)

October 19th in Cambridge

Discover wildlife through behind-the-scenes walking tours, tram tours, research exhibits, kids crafts, and more.

For more events around Maryland, visit the [Maryland Tourism Office](#) and follow [@TravelMD](#) on Twitter.



**[What are you looking forward to this autumn?](#)**

throughout the school. Just last year, the network was not strong enough to support these activities.

The completed One Maryland Broadband Network connects over 1,066 community anchor institutions by building out 1,321 miles of fiber. Anchor institutions include schools, police facilities, libraries, colleges and universities, and other community support centers. The One Maryland Broadband Network was completed at a total cost of \$158.4 million, including a \$115.2 million federal grant and \$43.2 million in matching state and local funding.



### Investing in our Students

Last month, Governor O'Malley and State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Lillian M. Lowery announced the recipients of \$5.5 million in total grants from two funds designed to prepare students for jobs in the 21st Century economy.

The Digital Learning Innovation Fund helps local school systems maximize the potential of new and emerging technologies to improve the teaching and learning environment and to better prepare students for the jobs of the future. Six school systems plus the statewide SEED school will receive a total of \$3.5 million to fund initiatives that help them transition to comprehensive digital learning environments that fundamentally change the interaction between teachers and students.



To promote early college access, the Early College Innovation Fund supports partnerships of local school systems and higher education institutions to create or expand early college high schools or other forms of early college access; Advanced Placement courses; and career technology education (CTE) programs. [Read more about the recipients.](#)



### Marylander on the Move: Jason Green

Jason Green is an entrepreneur and filmmaker. Mr. Green previously served in the White House Counsel's office where he helped advise the President on a range of legal issues. Three months ago, Mr. Green co-founded SkillSmart with former Montgomery Councilman Mike Knapp. SkillSmart connects employers with qualified job seekers. The platform makes matches based on skill level and identifies educational opportunities for job seekers to enhance their skills and become more competitive.



A 1999 graduate of Quince Orchard High School in Montgomery County, Mr. Green is currently producing the film *Reflections of a Pearl*, which tells the evolutionary tale of Quince Orchard through the eyes of his 95-year-old grandmother. The film focuses on the tenets of community and the responsibility of preservation.



### Innovation Maryland: Baltimore Foundry

Less than a year ago, two Marylanders, Andrew Stroup and Corey Fleischer, were



### MARYLAND TWEETS



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[@GovernorOMalley](#): Thanks to the Better Choices we've made together, we planted over 1.2 billion oysters in #Maryland this year: <http://on.fb.me/GS1Lui>

[@MDBiz](#) [@GovernorOMalley](#): #Maryland gained 9,700 #jobs in August, & 43,300 over 12 mths, 9 in10 from our dynamic private sector [@MDBiz#innovation](#)

[@TheMDTA](#) More than 2,600 food items collected at [@TheMDTA](#) toll facilities during Maryland #DayToServe activities. Thank you!

[@MDHousing](#): [EmPower MD Low Income Energy Efficient Program](#) -Cold Weather is Soon on the Way!!

[@TravelMD](#): #MDinFocus: Deep Creek Lake, a [@travelchannel](#) [Best Fall Foliage Road Trip!](#).

**Hashtag of the Month:** This month, use [#MDResults](#) to talk progress in Maryland.

competing with eight other engineers on the television show, [The Big Brain Theory: Pure Genius](#). After 8 weeks of challenges, Corey Fleischer won the show and its \$50,000 prize. Today, Andrew and Corey are tackling new challenges at their non-profit, Baltimore Foundry.



[Baltimore Foundry](#) was established around the principals of community, education, and innovation. Their mission is to provide industrial grade tools and education, with the goal of sparking innovation in Baltimore. Located between Fells Point and Harbor East, Baltimore Foundry offers workshops and workspace for members and guests. The next introductory [Microcontrollers class](#) will be held on October 23.

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